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Presented on 4/11/2006



BEFORE THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

Forbes Gokak Ltd.,

M.Y. Blue Star, & others

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BEFORE THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULA

Spl. Jurisdiction Case No. 3......... /2006

-Vs-

Forbes Gokak Ltd.,

"MLV, "CLUE STAR" & others

Respondents

SYNOPSIS

The petitioner carries on the business, inter alia, of supply of bunkers (oil) to Ocean going vessels and has supplied to the 12 Respondent Vessel, through their agent whilst at the Port of Khorfekkan, on 16th August 2006, bunkers being 79.675 Metric Tonnes of IFO (189 CST) and 69,927 Metric Tonnes of NGO, duly acknowledged vide Exhibit P1 bunker delivery note. The 1st Respondent is a foreign vessel 'BLUE STAR' flying the flag of St. Kitts and Nevis and registered at the port of Basseterre and owned by the 2nd respondent a foreign company.

On account of the bunkering supply work relating to the 1^n Respondent Vessel, the pecitioner expended a sum of US \$ 83,303.10 as per Exhibit P4 invoice. Although Exhibit P4 invoice required payment to be made on or before 15th September 2006, the 1st respondent vessel has not made the said payment till date. The t^{lpha} respondent and $2^{lpha t}$ respondent owners does not have nay office or assets in India.

The 1st Respondent vessel is presently within Indian territorial waters and berthed in the port and harbour of Mumbai. As the said vessel is well within Indian Territorial Waters, this Hombie Court has got jurisdiction to try this petition. As per the decision of the Apex Court in 'M.V.Elizabeth Vs. Harwan investment and trading Pvt. Ltd., Goa (AIR 1993 S.C. 1014.) Supreme Court has held that all indian High Courts in the Indian Coasts can exercise admiralty jurisdiction and arrest a foreign vessel when the same enters the territorial waters of India. If the above vessel 'BLUE STAR' is allowed to sail off from Mumbai Port and Indian Territorial Waters without settling the pecitioner's dues, the petitioner will have no other source of recovery of its dues from the respondents 1 & 2 are foreign companies / entities having neither property, assets or residence in India. It is respectfully submitted that unless this Hon'ble Court passes an order of arrest and detention of the 1th respondent /vessel invoking the inherent admirally jurisdiction of this Hon'ble Court in order to enable the petitioner to enforce his right, maritime lien, irreparable injury will be caused to petitioner. Hence the petitioner is approaching this Hon bie Court to invoke the inherent admiralty jurisdiction and also to invoke the powers vested within the Non'ble Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India and also under Pomissilly laids lie Essi Therefore it is humbly prayed that this Hon ble Court may be pleased to arrest and detain the 1st respondent vessel until sufficient security is furnished by the respondents 1 and 2.

Dated this the 14 day of Novem

COUNSEL FOR THE PETITIONER







BEFORE THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

Spl.,Jurisdiction Case No. ... / 2006 - · أ

(Special Original Admiralty Jurisdiction)

PETITIONER

Forbes Gokak Ltd., Indira Gandhi Road, W/Island. Kochi - 682 003. rep. by its Senior Manager, Ar. Venikta Subramanian, aged 47 years, 5/o. V. Mahadevan





RESPONDENTS

- M.V. "BLUE STAR", a motor vesset flying the flag of St. Kitts and Nevis and registered at the port of Basseterre together with her hull, tackle, engines, machinery, apparet, equipment, stores, articles, things and other paraphernalia, presently lying in the port and harbour of Aumbai, rep. by its Master now within Indian Territorial waters.
- Novstar Shipping & Marine Services Co. LLC P.O. Box. 39510, Dubai- U.A.E.
- Mumbai Port Trust, Mumbai.

 (3) Add R. Tapiladd PETITION FILED UNDER INHERENT ADMIRALTY JURISDICTION OF THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF KERALA ADMIRALTY JURISDICTION (INDIA) ACT 1860. ADMIRALTY COURTS COURT OF KERALA ADMIRALTY JUSTIDICTION (INDIA) ACT 1860, ADMIRALTY COURTS
 ACT 1861 (SPIEN SIB OF ADMIRALTY COURTS ACT NOT) - AND ARTICLE 226 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA
- Address for service of notice etc. to the Petitioner is that of their counsel V.J.Mathew, Rajesh P.P., Bijish B.Tom, Sangeetha and Naveena Antony. M/s.V.J.Machew & Co., Advocates, Manikkiri Cross Road, Pallimukku, Cochin-16.
- Address for service of notice etc to the respondents are the same as given above or that of their coursel if any engaged.

Petitioner's above named respectfully submits as follows:-







STATEMENT OF FACTS.

- The Petitioner is a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956 and carries on the business, inter alia, of supply of bunkers to Ocean going vessels .
- The 1" Respondent is a foreign vessel BLUE STAR*, owned by the 2^{nd} respondent, flying the flag of St. Kitts and Nevis and registered at the port of Basseterre. The \mathbb{P}^r Respondent vessel is presently within Indian certifical waters now berthed at the port and harbour of Mumbai. The t^{μ} Respondent Vessel is presently discharging, into barges, a cargo of sulphur, which is being taken to the Port of Dharamtar, which is a small port, in the immediate vicinity. The draft at Dharamtar Port is not sufficient to berth the Respondent Vessel. Therefore discharge of cargo is taking place through barges. Immediately upon completion of discharge, the Respondent Vessel is expected to sall out to a foreign Port. It is submitted that the petitioner proposes to file suit before the competent forum for recovery of amount due to it and if this court is not trying the suit as an admiralty suit and if security is not obtained, it will be difficult to enforce the decree to be passed in such suit. If vessel is allowed to be taken out of the jurisdiction of the territorial waters of India i.e.to sail off from the Port of Mumbai to out side India, petitioner will have no effective remedy for recovering its dues against the $\mathbf{1}^{N}$ -respondent vessel and 2^{nd} respondent owners, which are foreign entities having neither property nor residence within the jurisdiction of the courts in India. The $J^{\rm ro}$ respondent is Dy. Conservator, numbal Port Trust, where the 1rd respondent vessel is at present berthed/harboured.
- 3. A concise statement of the facts and circumstances leading to and/or necessitating the filing of the present petition it set out below;
- The Petitioner supplied to the 1th Respondent Vessel, whilst at the port of Rhorfakkan, on 16th August 2006, bunkers being 79,675 Metric Tonnes of IFO (180 CST) and 69.927 Metric Tonnes of NGO. The said bunker supply was physically effected through physical suppliers of the petitioner being Oil Marketing and Trading international LLC, who did so at the request of the Petitioner. The said supply was made by the Petitioner at the request of the Respondent Vesset, communicated through her Charterer, one Cross World Middle East LEC, Sharjah, UAE ("cross world"): /



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The receipt, by the Respondent Vessel, of the said bunkers, was duly acknowledged and confirmed by the Master/Chief Engineer of the $1^{\rm R}$ Respondent Vessel endorsing their signature and ship's stamp on the bunker delivery note dated 16th August 2005. The True copy of the bunker delivery note dtd 16/08/2006 (BDN No. 2080) signed by the master of the 1st respondent vessel is produced herewith and may be marked as EXHIBIT- P1. The True copy of the bunker delivery note dtd 16/08/2006 (BON No. 2084) signed by the master of the 1^{st} respondent vessel is produced herewith and may be marked as EXHIBIT- P1(a). The fact of the 1st Respondent Vessel having received the said bunkers is also confirmed by the e-mail communication dated 17th August 2006 8.28 A.M. addressed by the Master of the 1st Respondent Vessel to both the owners of the 1st Respondent Vessel i.e. the 2st respondent/Novstar Shipping and Harrine Services Company ("Novstar") as also the Charterers of the Respondent Vessel Crossworld. The true copy of the e-mail dtd 17/08/2006 issued by the Master of the 1st Respondent vessel to the 2nd respondent and the charterers cross world is produced herewith and marked as EXHIBIT- P2. It is respectfully submitted that the 1st Respondent vessel is owned by the 2nd respondent/Novstar Shipping and Marine Services Company ("Novstar") and the same is confirmed by the extract issued by the Ship Registry, St. Kitts and Nevis. The true copy of the extract dtd.26/7/2006 issued by the Ship Registry, St. Kitts and Nevis regarding the 1^{π} respondent vessel is produced herewith and may be marked as EXHIBIT- P3. The Exhibit P2 email communication (along with other facts and events and/or even otherwise independently) confirms that the owners (2nd repondent) of the 1^{tt} Respondent Vessel were fully aware of and for had authorized the supply of the said bunkers to the 1st Respondent Vessel and /or is liable for the same.

- The Respondent Vessel duty received the said bunkers supplied and consumed the same in the course of prosecuting her onward voyage from the Port of Khorfakken.
- Subsequent thereto, the Petitioner on 29th August 2006, raised their invoice bearing Mo.T-79246 for the sum of US \$ 83,303.10 on the 1th Respondent Vessel . The invoice was addressed to the Master of the $1^{\rm th}$ respondent vessel and / $2^{\rm res}$ respondent / owners and/or Managing Owners and/or Operators and/or Charterers of M.V. Blue -/.



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Starand Crossworld Middle East LLC, Sharjah, UAE and JDH International LLC, UAE. The true copy of the invoice bearing No.T-79246 dtd 29/08/2006 for the sum of US \$ 83,303,10 issued by the petitioner to the 1^{sc} Respondent vessel and others is produced herewith and marked as EXHIBIT - P4.

- The said invoice required payment to be made on or before 15th. September 2006. Although the said date has etapsed, the Petitioner has not received payment. Neither the 1st Respondent Vessel not her owners, managers, operators or charterers (crossworld) or any other person associated or connected with the $1^{\rm st}$ Respondent Vessel has made payment of any amount whatsoever to the Petitioner. Thus the outstanding due and payable to the Petitioner, comes to US \$ 83,303.10.
- The Petitioner submits that the 1st Respondent Vessel, itself is liable to make payment to the Petitioner for the value of the bunkers supplied. This is because, in law, the 1st Respondent Vessel has a distinct corporeal personality and can be itself tiable and be sued and for proceeded against. In the present case, the $1^{\rm st}$ Respondent Vessel received the said bunkers and consumed the said bunkers, without any demur or objection and has therefore benefited there from. Furthermore, the request for the said bunkers was conveyed by and on behalf of the 1th Respondent Vessel by her charterers (crossworld), who were authorized to order the same by the $1^{\rm st}$ Respondent Vessel and for her owners. The $1^{\rm st}$ Respondent Vessel is therefore personally liable to make payment in respect of the said bunkers supplied.
- The Petitioner, in particular submit that they are entitled to maintain the claim against the 1" Respondent Vessel itself and seek her arrest, sequestration, condemnation and sale, for the reasons more particularly set out below all of which are without prejudice to one another:-
 - The bunkers were supplied to the 1th Respondent Vessel, at her request, communicated through the Charterers. The Charterers were authorized by the 1st Respondent Vessel and / or her owners to order the bunkers. Strictly without prejudice thereto and in any event, the act of the Charterer was within "apparent authority". The Respondent Yessel and/or her owners having permitted this and having received the said bunkers and consumed the same, have benefited there from and are therefore estopped and/or precluded



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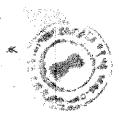


and/or not entitled to disclaim liability for the same.

- The 1st Respondent Vessel accepted the bunkers supplied by the Petitioner without demon/protest, used/consumed the same for her voyage and thereby benefited. The 1th Respondent Vessel is thus liable in respect thereof.
- The 1x Respondent Vessel converted the Petitioner's bunkers and Is thus liable to make payment in respect thereof.
- The Petitioner supplied bunkers to the 1st Respondent Vessel without intent to do so gratuitously. The said bunkers have been utilized by the 12 Respondent Vessel. Under the circumstances, having regard to Section 70 of the Indian Contract Act, 1872, and the principles prohibiting unjust enrichment, the Petitioner is entitled to seek arrest and sale of the 1st Respondent Vessel, for realization of the price of the bunkers.
- e) In admiralty law/maritime law, a Vessel has a distinct and separate corporeal personality and is tiable to undertake obligations, assumed liability and be proceeded against in respect thereof.
- In the premises aforesaid, there is presently due and payable by the 1st Respondent to the Petitioner, the principal amount of US\$ 83,303.10, as per the Particulars of the Petitioner's Claim. The TS Respondent and/or her owners have failed and/or neglected and/or refused and still refuse to pay to the Petitioner, the said sum or any part thereof.
- in the premises aforesaid, the 1st Respondent is liable to pay to the Petitioner the principal, a sum of US\$ 83,303.10. Additionally, the petitioner is entitled to receive from the 1st Respondent and the 2st Respondent and is liable to pay to the Petitioner, interest thereon at the rate of I4% per annum, being the rate of interest specified in the invoice, from 15th September 2006 date till payment and/or payment. and/or realization as also the costs, charges and expenses, incurred by the Petitioner in realizing and/or recovering the said sum, by filing the present proceedings. The same are quantified at USS 85,857.728; Inidan Rupees @ 46 per S Rs. 39,49,455,40



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- The Petitioner's claim is for supply of "necessaries supplied to the 1" 12. Respondent Vessel", within the meaning of Admiralty Courts Act. 1861. Bunkers are needed by a ship for the purposes of prosecuting her voyage and are therefore "necessaries." The Petitioner's claim is also for "goods or materials supplied to a ship for her operation or maintenance" within the meaning of the Supreme Court Act, 1981. The Petitioner's claims also answers the description of 'goods or materials wherever supplied to a ship for her operation or maintenance" within the meaning of the International Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to the Arrest of Sea-going Ships, 1951. The Petitioner's claim therefore constitutes a maritime claim and falls within the admiralty jurisdiction. The 1st Respondent Vessel is presently lying in the port of harbour of Mumbal, within Indian Territorial waters. This Homble Court has therefore jurisdiction to entertain the above petition and arrest the 1st Respondent vessel.
- The Petitioner has a maritime claim against the 1th Respondent vessel. The Petitioner is entitled to enforce and/or crystallize the same by the arrest, sequestration, detention and condemnation of the 12 Respondent vessel. The Petitioner therefore, pray that the 12 Respondent vessel together with her hull, tackle, engines, machinery, apparel, equipment, stores, articles, things and other paraphernalia be arrested and detained by warrant of arrest of this Hon'ble Court until the 1st Respondent or 2nd respondent provides security for the petitioner's claim.
- 14. The 1st Respondent vessel is at present berthed at lying in the port and harbour of Mumbai within the territorial waters of India, well within the jurisdiction of this Hon ble Court, and that there is every likelihood the 1st Respondent vessel after discharge of cargo will sail out of Indian waters . The 1st Respondent vessel, if allowed to sail from Mumbai Port without settling the petitioner's dues, the same will adversely affect the interest of the petitioner. The 1st Respondent vessel is at present berthed within the territorial waters of India, within the jurisdiction of this Hon'ble Court and invoking the inherent admiralty jurisdiction, this Hon'ble court has ample power to arrest the vessel to redress the grievances of the petitioner. It is reliably understood that the 1th Respondent vessel is going out of India after discharge of its cargo and is going to be sold and scraped, and if vessel is allowed to sail off from Mumbal Port and is sailed out of the jurisdiction of the territorial waters of India, outside the jurisdiction of this Hon'ble Court, petitioner will have no effective remedy for recovering its dues against the 1st and 2nd Respondents, which are foreign

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entities baving neither property nor residence within the jurisdiction of the courts in india.

It is submitted that the petitioner proposes to file suit before the competent forum for recovery of amount due to it and if this court is not trying this petition as an admiralty suit and if security is not obtained, it will be difficult to enforce the decree to be passed in such suits. It is respectfully submitted that unless this Hon'ble Court passes an order of arrest and detention of the 1st Respondent vessel invoking the inherent admirally jurisdiction of this Hon'ble Court in order to enable the petitioner to enforce its right, maritime iten, irreparable injury will be caused to petitioner. Hence the petitioner has apprenched this Hon ble Court to invoke the inherent admiralty jurisdiction and also to invoke the powers vested within the Hon'ble Court under Admiralty jurisdiction and Article 226 of the Constitution of India and also under Asia bit (birts Act (86) on the following among other;

GROUNDS.

- It is respectfully submitted that the claim of the petitioner against the 1% respondent vessel and 2nd respondent is a maritime claim as defined in Article I Clause I (a) of the international Convention, Therefore by judicial process, in order to secure the maritime claim, the arrest of the vessel by invoking the inherent admiralty jurisdiction of this Hon'ble Court is permissible under the Convention.
- As per the decision of the Apex Court in "IA V. Elizabeth Vs. Harwan investment and trading Pvt. Ltd., Goa (AIR 1993 S.C. 1014.) Supreme Court has held that all Indian High Courts in the Indian Coasts can exercise admiralty jurisdiction and arrest a foreign vessel when the same enters the territorial waters of India. Under section 443 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1958, whenever any damage has been caused to the property of any Indian Citizen by a ship other than an Indian ship, the High Court is empowered to detain the ship at any time thereafter when the ship is found within Indian jurisdiction until such time as the owner has satisfied any claim in respect of the damage or has given security to pay all costs and damages that may be awarded in any legal proceedings that may be instituted in respect of the damage. It is settled law



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that the word 'damage' contemplated in Section 443 of the Merchant Shipping Act includes all maritime claims on account of the damage caused by the reason of unauthorized acts of the agents or servants of the ship. It is so held by the Apex Court in 'M.V.Elizabeth Vs. Harwan Investment and trading Pvt. Ltd., Goa (AIR 1993 S.C. 1014.). The relevant portion of paragraph 80 of the Judgment reads as follows:-

"In the absence of any statute in India Comparable to the English statutes on admiralty jurisdiction, there is no reason why the words "damage caused by a ship appearing in Section 443 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 should be so narrowly construed as to limit them to physical damage and exclude any other damage arising by reason of the operation of the vessel in connection with the carriage of goods. The expression is wide enough to include all maritime questions or claims. If goods or other property are lost or damaged, whether by physical contact or otherwise, by reason of unauthorized acts of negligent conduct on the part of the ship owner or his agents or servants, wherever the cause of action has arisen; or wherever the ship is registered, or wherever the owner has his residence or domiciles or place of business, such a ship, at the request of the person aggrieved, is liable to be detained when found within Indian Jurisdiction by recourse to. Section 443 and 444 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958".

- c) It is respectfully submitted that both the countries of the flags of the respective vessels are contracting parties to the Convention. Even otherwise by International Usage and age old Conventions and Customs and Practice in the trade from time immemorial, the High Court of a State has inherent power to arrest a sea-going ship for securing the maritime claim even if it is not a maritime tien attached to the vessel.
- d) It is respectfully submitted that the arrest of the 1st respondent vessel as per the Convention or under the Common law or under the provisions of Merchant Shipping Act to furnish adequate security for realisation of the maritime claim is available in law to the petitioner. Unless such a security is provided the petitioner will be left with no remedy whatsoever especially with respect to the claims against sea-going vessels as they often change hands, their registries



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and flags. In the circumstances the interference of this Hon'ble court is necessary for securing justice and for obtaining proper security for the petitioner for the amount due to the petitioner on account of the bunkering. work done by the petitioner for the 1st respondent vessel.

- It is submitted that the claim of the petitioner is enforceable as a Maritime Lien as defined in Article 4 (1)(iv) of the international Convention for Unification of certain Rules Relating to Maritime Liens and Mortgages at Brussels 1967, hereinafter referred to as "the Convention". The Apex Court in M.V. Elizabeth Vs. Harwan investment and Trading Pvt. Ltd., Goa, held that the said Rules are applicable to Indian Courts also. Therefore by judicial process, in order to secure the maritime claim, the arrest of the 1th Respondent vessel by invoking the admirality jurisdiction of this Hon'ble Court is permissible under the convention.
- It is respectfully submitted that amounts are due to the petitioner is on account of the bunkering work (i.e. supply of necessaries) for the 1^{st} respondent vessel. The 1^{2} respondent vessel is owned by the 2^{2d} respondent, now within the jurisdiction of this Hon'ble court in Indian territorial waters . It is respectfully submitted that respondents 1 to 3 are jointly and severally liable to compensate the petitioner for the amounts spent by the petitioner on account of the 19 respondent vesset. Therefore this Hon'ble Court has jurisdiction to order arrest and detain the 1º respondent vessel and / or order respondents 1 to 3 furnish security for the amount that will be awarded by this court or in any other the legal proceedings to be instituted for the recovery of the damages by the petitioner against respondents 1 & 2 in the appropriate forums, if this court is not trying the suit as an Admiralty Suit.
- It is respectfully submitted that the 2nd respondent who is the owner of the 3st respondent vessel is liable to compensate the petitioner for amount spent by the petitioner on account of the 156 respondent vessel. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in " MV Elizabeth's case " in its Judgment (AIR 1993 S.C. 1014.) has clarified that a vessel can be arrested for any kind of damage caused by the owner of the vessel, herein the 2nd respondent.

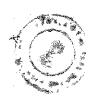


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- The Z^{rel} respondent who is the owner of the $1^{\hat{x}\hat{t}}$ respondent vessel have no other assets other than the 1st respondent vessel within the territory of India and if the it respondent vessel is allowed to sail out of Indian Territorial waters from Mumbail, the pecitioner won't be able to recover the amount due to it by the 1st & 2nd respondents.
- The fit respondent vessel is now within the Territorial Water of India, within the jurisdiction of this Hon'ble Court. This Hon'ble court has jurisdiction to order arrest and detain $1^{\rm R}$ respondent vessel and ℓ or order respondents No. 1 to 1 to furnish security towards the damages/amount that will be awarded in the legal proceedings to be instituted for the recovery of damages /amount by the petitioner against respondent No.1 to 2 in the appropriate forum.
- It is respectfully submitted that this Hon'ble Court apart from the powers vested in it under Section 443 of the Merchant Shipping Act, and as per the Hon'ble Supreme Court in " MV Elizabeth's case " in its Judgment (AIR 1993 S.C. 1014.) has in it vested with the inherent admirally jurisdiction to entertain a maritime action of this nature to arrest and detain the vessel till the maritime claim and / or lien over the vessel is discharged by the vessel and I or its owners.
- It is respectfully submitted that the Hability of the 1 to 2 respondents being a maritime tien the 1" respondent vessel continues to be attached with the maritime charge attached thereon and even a transferee for consideration without notice of the charge will be bound by that charge.
- in as much as "in nem" action against the vessel is envisaged under the admiralty jurisdiction and under Section 443 of the Merchant Shipping Act, the 1st Respondent vessel is amenable to the orders of this Honfole court as aperson and due compliance of the orders of this Hon'ble court is expected of the 1st Respondent vessel.
- It is now settled law that this Hon'ble Court has inherent power to arrest a seagoing ship for securing the Maritime Lien. It is so held by the Supreme Court in the case M.V.Elizabeth Vs. Harwari Investment and Trading Pvt., Ltd., Goa.

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- It is respectfully submitted that the errest of the 1^{st} respondent vessel is necessary for this Hon ble Court to acquire jurisdiction over the second respondent and to enable the petitioners to get adequate security for restization of the Maritime claim. Unless such a security is provided, the petitioners will be left with no remedy whatsoever especially with respect to the claims against sea-going vessels as they often change hands, their registries and flags. In the circumstances the interference of this Hon'ble Court is necessary for securing justice and for obtaining proper security for the petitioner for the amounts due from the 1st and 2st respondents.
- It, is respectfully submitted that if the 1st respondent vessel is not arrested and detained by this Hon'ble court it will be impossible for the petitioner to recover the amount due to it on account of the bunkering work done for the T^{μ} respondent vessel.
- There is no other effective alternative remedy available to the petitioner on the facts and circumstances of this case.
- The 1st respondent vessel has to be detained / arrested by this Florible court under Admiralty Jurisdiction unless and until the respondents No. 1 to 2 furnish sufficient security either in Cochin or at place convenient acceptable to the petitioners and direct the respondent No. 3 not to release the vessel and detain the vessel unless and until the sufficient security is furnished by the respondent No 1 to 2 and until further orders from this Hon'ble Court.

In the light of what is stated above and for the reasons that may be permitted to be submitted at the time of hearing it is most respectfully prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to issue,

a) A an interim order of arrest , writ, order, or any other appropriate direction , ordering arrest and detention of the 1st Respondent vessel MV "BLUE STAR" now in the Indian Territorial waters and berthed at the Port of Mumbai owned by the 2nd respondent till sufficient security for the amount of US(S USS).

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83,303.10 + interest © 24% from 15/9/2006 comes to USS 85,857.728 (Indian Rupees © 46/- per US S 85.39,49,455.40) is furnished by the respondents No.1 to 2 or their new agents or underwriters for the dues owned by the respondents No.1 to 2 to the petitioner on account of the pending bills / Ext.P4 invaluence.

- b) Issue any other appropriate writ, order or direction invoking the Admiralty jurisdiction directing the respondent No. 3 to detain the 1st respondent vessel MV "BLUE STAR" until further orders from this Hon'ble Court till the respondents 1 & 2 furnish sufficient security and a judgment and decree be passed as prayed for.
- Pass such other appropriate orders including award of compensatory costs to the petitioner as deemed fit and proper on the facts and circumstances of the

Datecarbis the 14 day of November , 200

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INTERIM RELIEF PRAYED FOR.

For the reasons stated in the accompanying affidavit it is humbly prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to arrest and detain the 1st respondent vessel until further orders and direct the 3st respondent to detain the 1st Respondent vessel MV 'BLUE STAR' now within the territorial waters of India and berthed at Mumbai Port and not to permit the vessel from sailing out of the Port limits till the respondents 1 to 2 furnish security for the amount of USS 85,857.728 (Indian Rupees @ 46 per SRs. 39,49,455.40) pending the Petition, in the interest of justice.

Dated this the 14 day of November , 2006

COUNSEL FOR THE PETITIONER

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BEFORE THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

Spt. Jurisdiction Case No. 3 . 72006

Forbes Gokak Ltd.

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M.V. Blue Star. & others

Respondents

AFFIDAVIT

I, M. Venkita. Subramanian, aged 47 S/o. V. Mahodevan, Senior Manager, Forbes Gekak Ltd., ladite Candil Road, W/Island, Kechi - 682 003. W/Island, Cochin do hereby solemnly affair and stake as follows:-

- I am Senior Manager of the perboner company. I am conversant with the facts of this case and competent to swear this affidavis on behalf of the Pesitioner. The above Special Jurisdiction Case is prepared under my instructions.
- 2. All the statements and evenments contained in the above Spi. Jurisdiction Case are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. All the Exhibits produced along with the above Spi Jurisdiction Case are true copies of their respective originals.
- 3. I have not filled any Spi Jurisdiction Case earlier steking similar and identical relief's with respect to the same subject matter.
- The relief's prayed in the above Spl. Jurisdiction Case and connected petition are very essential which may be granted:

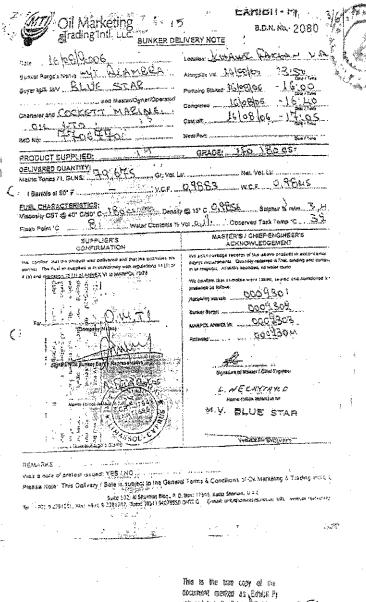
All the facts stated above are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Dated this the IA day of Hoverniser 2006.

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Solemnily affirm and signed before me by the Libergment who is personally known to me on this the 14 "day of November, 2006 at my office at Emakula

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAN

Present:

The Monourable Mr.Justice C.M.Remachandran Mair

Monday, the 27th day of November, 2006/6th Agrandrana 1923

IA.No.3694/2006 in Spl.Jurisdiction Case No.3/06

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Forbes Gokak Ltd. Indira Gandhi Road, W/Island, Kochi-682 003, Rep. by its Senior Manager, Marximutta Mr. Venikta Subramanian, Aged 47 years, 5/o.V.Mahadevan.

Respondents/Respondents:

- 1. M.V. SLUE STARE, a motor vessel flying the flag of St.Kitts and Nevis and registered at the port of Casseterre together with her hull, tackle, engines, Machinery, apparel, equipment, stores, articles, things and other paraphernalia, presently lying in the port and harbour of Mumbai, Rep. by its Master now withing Indian Territorial waters.
- 2. Novetar snipping & Marine Services Co. LLC P.O. Box 39510, Dubai UAR.
- 3. The Deputy Conservator, Mumbai Port Trust, Mumbai.
- 4. Superintendent of Customs, (Prev), M & P Wing, P.N. P. Jetty, Dharamtar Port, Shahabaj Post Poynad, Taluka-Alibag, Dis-Raigad, Maharashtra -402108.

spot praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith the SPJC the High Court be pleased to implead the 4th respondent in this patition/Suparintendent of Customs. (Prev), if & P Wing, PMP. Jetty Dharamtar Port, Shahabaj Post Poynad, Taluk-Alibag, District-Raigad, Maharashtra-402103, as Addl. Respondent No4 in the above Spl. Jurisdiction case and Airection may be given to the said respondent to carry out the order dotted 14.11.06 passed by this Non'ble Court in the above case, and not to grant port clearance to the vessel until the order of this Non'ble Court is obeyed and enforced, in the interest of justice.

This petition coming on for orders upon perusing the perition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of Mr.V.J.Mathew, Advocate for the petitioner, the Jourt passed the following: ONDER

Allowed. Petitioner will serve copy of WP on dast. Solicitor General. Shri John Varrghese.

Post on 4.12.2006.

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Sd/-C.N.Remachandran Nair, Judge.

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C.N. RAMACHANDRAN NAIR, J.

Spl. J.C. No.3 of 2006

Dated this the 14th day of November, 2006

ORDER

Interim application is for ordering arrest and detention of Ship M.V. Blue Star flying the flag of St. Kitts and Nevis and registered at the Port of Basseterre and owned by the second respondent now stated to be berthed in the Mumbal Port Trust. Petitioner's case is that huge amount of US\$ 83,303.10 is due to the petitioner for supply of oil to the Ship owned by the second respondent company. Counsel submitted that in similar case the Bombay High Court ordered arrest and detention of vessel berthed in Cochin Port. However, I do not think petitioner can have unconditional order because if the case is not proved to be genuine, the detention of the vessel will lead to heavy loss and hardship to the Shipping Company. In the circumstances this order is passed on condition that petitioner will furnish at least by day after tomorrow Bank Guarantee for Rs.5 lakhs in favour of the Registrar General of this Court encashable on orders of this Court for payment of cost, if any, to the Shipping Company There will

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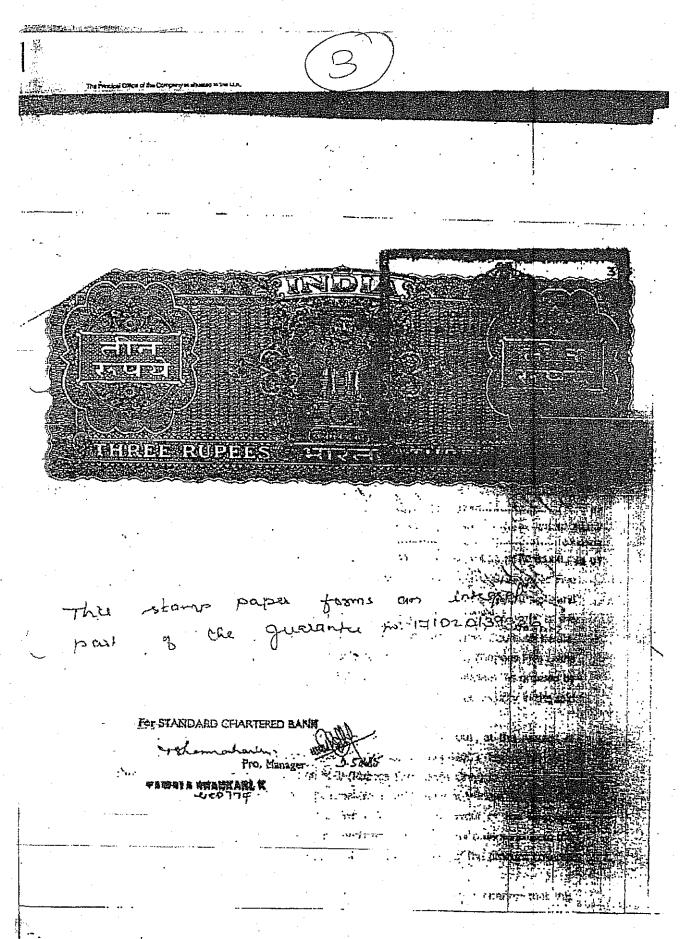
be a direction to the third respondent to arrest and detain Ship "M.V. Blue Star" flying the flag of St.Kitts and Nevis and registered at the Port of Basseterre and owned by the 2™ respondent, if it is now in Mumbal Port Trust and release it only on furnishing Bank Guarantee for US\$ 83,303.10 in favour of the third respondent encashable and payable under orders of this Court. Petitioner will send Fax copy of this order to the third respondent for compliance.

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Guarantee No 171020139336 Date 16.11.2006

YBANK GUARANTEE

Standard Chartered Bank, 19 Rajaji Salai, Chennai 600 001 Bank Guarantee Number 171020139336 issued at the request of Forbes Gol ak Ltd., Indira Gan Ihi Road, W/Island, Kochi-682003.

In favour cf,

The Registrar General, High Court of Kerala, Emakulam for Rs.5,00,000/-Ruppes Elver Lakho Only) We, Standard Chartered Bank, 19 Rajaji Salai, Chennal 600 Oth understand) that Fortx's Gokak Ltd., Indira Gandhi Road, W/Island, Kochi-582003 who is the petitioner in Spl. J.C No. 3/2006 pending before the Hon'ble High Count of Serala in Ernakulam is required to furnish a Bank Guarantee for Rs. 5,00,000/-(Ruppes Five Lakits) Only) in favour of the Registrar General, High Court of Kerala, Emakulam, as ordered taxes Hon ble High Court of Kerala on 14/11/2006 in Spl. J.C.No. 3/2006 & security in the said? CBSE.

We, Standard Chartered Bank, 19 Rajaji Salai, Chennai 600 001, at the request of ix Forbes Gokak Ltd., Indira Gandhi Road; W/Island, Kochi-682003 Issuer this Bankti Guarantee for an amount of Rs. 5,00,000/-(Rupees Five Lakins Only) in Javoustof the Registrar General, High Court of Kerala, Emakulam and hereby guarantee the payment of an amount of Rs. 5,00,000/(Rupees Five Lakins Only) in favour of the River General, High Court of Kerala, Emakulam merely upon the receipt of a demandary Registrar General, High Court of Kerala, Emakulam for payment of the are unit of the area of the court of the under this guarantee.

We, Sandard Chartered Bank, 19 Rajaji Salai, Chennai 600 001 configuration Guarantee will not be discharged due to change in the constitution of the bank or the Petitioner in SpL).C No.3/2006 Let Forbes Goloak Ltd.

We, Standard Chartered Bank, 19 Rulali Salai, Chennai 500 001 furth this Bank Guarantee will be in force and valid till six months from date of same can may at our option be extended as per the order of the Hon'big High Court Keraia, Emakulam.

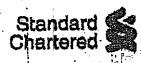
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- II) THIS HANK GUARANTEE SHALL BE VALID UPTO 15.05.2007.

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L/G ADVISING

AT THE REQUEST OF OUR PRINCIPAL, FORBES GOKAK LTD. . WE ENCLOSE THE ABOVE ORIGINAL GUARANTEE IN YOUR FAVOUR.

FI CONFIRM THAT THE CAPTIONED GUARANTEE IS ISSUED BY US AND FIGNED BY OUR AUTHORISED SIGNATORIES AND RECORDED ON OUR BOOKS ON ACCOUNT OF FORRES GORAK LTD.

IN YOUR OWN INTERESTS, YOU MAY VERIFY THE GENUINENESS OF THE CUARANTEE WITH THE ISSUING OFFICE.

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	DATE : 07JUN07
TTO: THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, HIGH COUR OF KERALA.	OUR REF:LETTER OF GUARANTEE 171020139336-AO
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·		AMOUNT : INR500,000.00
BENEFICIARY	: THE REGISTRAR GENERAL	., HIGH COUR OF KERALA,
	LETTER OF GUARANTEE	AMENDMENT

AS REQUESTED IN YOUR APPLICATION DATED 6JUN07, WE CONFIRM HAVING ISSUED AN AMENDMENT TO THE ABOVE GUARANTEE AND ENCLOSE HEREWITH A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS.

PLEASE READ THROUGH THE GUARANTEE AND REVERT TO US FOR ANY CLARIFICATIONS YOU MAY HAVE. IF WE DO NOT HEAR FROM YOU WITHIN 48 HOURS FROM THE DATE OF ISSUE, WE WILL CONSIDER THE GUARANTEE TO BE IN ORDER AS PER YOUR REQUEST.

AMENDMENT COMMISSION CHARGED

WE HAVE TODAY DEBITED YOUR ACCOUNT WITH THE CHARGES BELOW:-

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WITH EFFECT FROM 19TH APRL 2006 (I.E., THE DATE OF ENACTMENT OF THE FINANCE BILL 2006), SERVICE TAX (INCLUSIVE OF ELUCATION CESS) IS LEVIED ON ALL FEES / COMMISSION CHARGED BY THE BANK AT 12.24 PCT.

OUR SERVICE TAX REGISTRATION NUMBER UNDER "BANKING & OTHER FINANCIAL SERVICES" IS BFS/M-I/408 \cdot

REGISTERED OFFICE: STANDARD CHARTERED BANK - 23-25, M.G. ROAD, FORT, MUMBAI - 400001
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AMOUNT INR500,000.00 ***

AT THE REQUEST OF OUR PRINCIPAL FORBES GOKAK LTD. FORBS BLDG. CHARANJIT RAI ROAD FORT BOMBAY 400001. , THE ABOVEMENTIONED LETTER OF GUARANTEE IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:-

EXPIRY DATE NOW AMENDED TO READ 15.11.2007 AT 14.30HRS. ANY GLAIM UNDER THIS GUARANTEE MUST REACH US IN WRITING BY 15.12.2007 AT 12.30HRS.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING CONTAINED HEREIN ABOVE :

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ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED.

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